Member's Representations.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Sir, I have submitted a letter for the consideration of the Hon'ble Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have passed it on and the Hon'ble Member will get a reply.

MYSORE MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.

Motion to Consider.

†Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—Sir, I beg to move that the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

"That the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration."

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, the object of moving this Bill is to find sufficient finance for meeting the growing expenditure. The Resources and Economy Committee has recommended certain sources of revenue and this is one of them. In the year 1957, this Bill was introduced, and ultimately it was passed into an Act. After this, there has been a good deal of rise in the prices of motor spare parts and also in the expenditure for constructing roads and bridges. Under these circumstances, we shall have to find additional revenue.

Secodly, this Department is a growing Department and it requires additional establishmenent.

Thirdly, this is a growing industry in the State and also in the country and as such we shall have to ensure efficient administration of this Department.

In order to meet all this expenditure, we shall have to find more resources and that is why this Bill has been brought forward. The revenue that is expected as a result of this Bill is to the tune of Rs. 75 lakhs. With these observations, I commend this Bill for the consideration of this House.

2-00 P.M.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—May I know the total revenue that you are expecting and what is the percentage of increase to the existing rates ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—As I have already pointed out, it is likely to bring a revenue of Rs. 75 lakhs. As regards the percentage of increase over the existing rates it varies from 10 to 37%. Compared to the rates existing in the neighbouring States our rates are far below those rates, about 10% less than the rates in Madras which is said to be the criterion for taxation so far as this State is concerned.

†Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA (Honnalli).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon'ble Minister has stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons that this Bill has been introduced in pursuance of the recommendations of the Economy and Resources Committee with a view to enhancing the resources of the State and also to running this industry more efficiently. At the outset the Minister said that compared to the rates existing in Madras the rates prevailing here are far less and so in order to equate our rates with the rates existing in Madras this Bill has been introduced. But we have not been furnished with the rates existing in Madras and other neighbouring States so as to enable us to compare our rates with those rates. Before agreeing to this increase in our levy we have to compare our rates with the rates in the neighbouring States. So my suggestion is that before we proceed to pass this Bill, it should be referred to a Select Committe to go into the question of the rates proposed here *vis-a-vis* the rates prevailing in the neighbouring States. So at this juncture I do not wish to say anything more about the Bill, but as I have already mentioned it is in the interests of every one that this Bill should be referred to a Select Committee to study the Bill in all its aspects and report to the House.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ (ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೆ, ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಕರಹೇರುವ ಕಾಯಿದೆಯನ್ನೂ ಇಂದಿನ ಕರಿ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ವಿಧೇಯಕವನ್ನು ತರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೆ, ಆಗಿನ ಕಾಲಕೂ ಈಗಿನ